GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:529
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PRODUCTION OF PATRIOTIC FILMS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been sharp decline in production of patriotic films during last some years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of patriotic films produced and telecasted in the country especially in Maharashtra during each of the last three years, till date, Doordarshan-wise;

(d) whether the Government propose to promote the production of such patriotic films and curb the production of action films;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)& (b) Production of film is in the private sector as such no statistics are available with this Ministry regarding the number of patriotic films produced in the country. According to information available with Central Board of Film Certification, there is noclassification of films certified as patriotic films, but films certified as historical during the last five years is given below:

1997 - 3; 1998 - nil; 1999 - 3; 2000 - 1; 2001 - 5; 2002 - 4 (upto date).

(c) to (f) The Films Division (FD) and the National Film Development Corporation Ltd., (NFDC) under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting are producing patriotic films along with other genres of films.

During the last three years NFDC has produced/ co-produced one patriotic film and one is under production. No film has however been telecast in Maharashtra. Lack of good scripts is given as the reason for this low rate of production of patriotic films by the Corporation. Films Division has over the last three years produced 20 documentary films and 3 news magazines on patriotic themes. A list of films telecast during the last three years on Doordarshan is given in the Annexure.

Doordarshan only telecasts feature films sourced from outside and does not produce films itself.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.529 FOR ANSWER O 21.11.02

LIST OF PATRIOTIC FILMS PRODUCED BY FILMS DIVISION TELECAST IN DOORDARSHAN KENDRAS

S.No.	NAME OF THE FILM	CHANNELS TELECAST ON	DATE OF TELECAST
1.	A MAN OF SILENCE SARDAR VALLABHABHAI PATEL	DD WORLD	31.10.2001
2.	NETAJI	i) NATIONAL NETWORK, DELHI ii) DD WORLD	14.9.2000 21.10.2001
3.	SHAHDAT	NATIONAL NETWORK, DELHI	14.9.2000